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For: *METHOD FOR THE QUANTITATIVE  
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SUITABLE THEREOF*

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Zitomer, S.



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE AMENDMENT**

1. Marked up copy of specification and claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.
2. Duplicate hard and disk copies of Sequence Listing filed August 4, 2000.
3. Supporting references:
  - Mattano *et al.*, *Cancer Res.*, 52:4701-4705 (1992)
  - Burchill *et al.*, *Int. J. Cancer*, 57:671-675 (1994)
  - Datta *et al.*, *J. Clin. Oncol.*, 12:475-482 (1994)
  - Foss *et al.*, *Br. J. Cancer*, 72:155-159 (July, 1995)



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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in Response to the Office Action, mailed October 24, 2001, along with attached references, hard and disk copies of the Sequence Listing originally filed August 4, 2000, and a check (\$73.00) for the requisite fee for a one month extension of time and two added claims. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

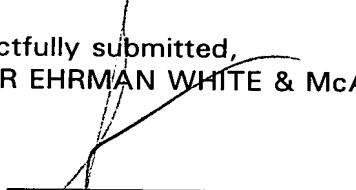
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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